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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant:

SOMPONG PAUL OLARIG
PAMELA M. COOK

Filed: December 31, 2001

Serial No.: 10/039,010

For: SUPPORTING INTERLEAVED
READ/WRITE OPERATIONS
FROM/TO MULTIPLE TARGET
DEVICES

§ Confirmation No.: 7506

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§ Art Unit: 2166

§ Examiner:

§ Docket No.: H052617.1129US0

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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Commissioner:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner for entry of the attached Declaration signed by one (1) of the two (2) co-inventors in the above-identified patent application. One (1) of the two (2) co-inventors have signed the Declaration and the Assignment conveying his interests to Compaq Information Technologies Group, L.P. ("CITG"). The second co-inventor, Ms. Pamela M. Cook, has not been employed by CITG since at least November 20, 1998, and after exhausting all available efforts, has not been located to execute the Declaration and Assignment.

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Pertinent Facts

Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is the Declaration of Rochelle M. Pleasant, Prosecution Paralegal for the undersigned, which sets forth the following pertinent facts in support of this petition. Ms. Cook is no longer employed by CITG and has not been found after diligent searches and attempts have been made.

LAST KNOWN ADDRESS

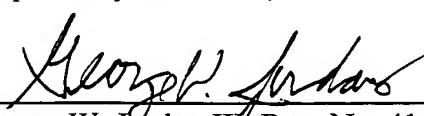
The last known address for Ms. Cook is:

Residence Address: Pamela M. Cook
17130 Kirkchapel Drive
Spring, Texas 77379

Work Address: Pamela M. Cook
Unknown

Consequently, Applicant petitions the Commissioner for entry of the Declaration signed by one (1) of the two (2) co-inventors in the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), enclosed is our firm check in the amount of \$130 that is required for the entry of this Petition and attached Declaration. If any additional fees are required for entry of this Petition, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 16-2435. A duplicate copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for your convenience. If the Examiner has any questions, he is requested to contact David R. Clonts or the undersigned at (713) 220-5800.

Respectfully submitted,


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DECLARATION OF ROCHELLE M. PLEASANT

I, Rochelle M. Pleasant, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 years of age and am fully competent to make this declaration. I am a prosecution paralegal in the firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, the designated attorneys of record by Compaq Information Technologies Group, L.P. ("CITG") in the above-identified patent application, as reflected by the Power of Attorney executed by Marcella Barboza, Patent Administrator for CITG, assignee of the interests of co-inventors Sompong Paul Olarig and Pamela M. Cook. Unless otherwise indicated, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein.

2. On December 31, 2001, the above patent application was filed with the Patent Office.

3. On or about February 15, 2002, the docketing department of our firm received the Patent Office's Notice of Missing Parts in the above-identified patent application.

4. On April 5, 2002, I transmitted an email to Mr. Olarig enclosing a Declaration and Assignment for execution. Mr. Olarig faxed the executed Declaration to me on or about April 8, 2002, which was filed in response to the Notice to File Missing Parts on July 8, 2002.

5. On April 5, 2002, I attempted to contact Ms. Pamela M. Cook at her last known home telephone number of 281-251-9330, and received a recording stating that the



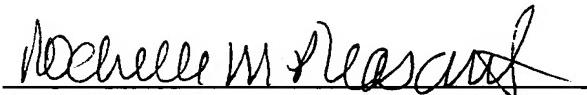
telephone number was disconnected. I then called directory assistance in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, and Dallas areas in an attempt to locate Ms. Pamela M. Cook, to no avail. Further, I performed an Internet search on www.theultimatewhitepages.com (a searchable website using five different search engines), and after contacting some of the Pamela M. Cook's listed in Texas, was not able to locate the Pamela M. Cook who used to be employed by CITG.

6. On July 8, 2002, Applicants filed a Transmittal of Missing Parts of Application enclosing the Declaration signed by Sompong Paul Olarig.

7. On or about August 1, 2002, the undersigned's office received the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed July 25, 2002. After a review of the July 8, 2002 filing, further searches were performed via directory assistance and the internet in an attempt to locate Ms. Pamela M. Cook. To this date, Ms. Pamela M. Cook cannot be located and her whereabouts through CITG is unknown.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Date: 9.9.2002


Rochelle M. Pleasant, Prosecution Paralegal
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